

KENTUCKY HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE ADVISORY BOARD

DENTAL AND VISION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2013

Call to Order and Roll Call

The third meeting of the Dental and Vision Subcommittee was held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Conference Room at the Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange. Dr. Joe Ellis, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and the Secretary called the roll.

Subcommittee Members Present: Dr. Joe Ellis, Chair, Andrea Bennett, Dr. Jim Cecil, Dr. Steve Compton, Dr. John Thompson, Darlene Eakin, Dr. Karoline Munson, Tony Cook, Dr. William (Ken) Rich, and John Weeks. Mike Porter was not present.

New member: Mary Isaacson will replace Andrew Cassiss in the subcommittee. Mary Isaacson was not present at this meeting.

Staff Present: Carrie Banahan, Brenda Parker, Reina Díaz-Dempsey, Vanessa Petrey, Miriam Fordham, and Sharron Burton (DOI).

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2013, meeting as submitted, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange – Update

Carrie Banahan, Executive Director, Office of the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange (OKHBE) provided an update on the KHBE activities. Kentucky, along with 18 other states, received conditional approval of its State-based exchange (SBE) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on December 14, 2012. Ms. Banahan also informed the subcommittee that the KHBE and Deloitte completed work for the General System Design (GSD) on December 27, 2012, and they are in the midst of developing the Detailed System Design (DSD) document specifications. Furthermore, she announced that on January 17, 2013, Kentucky received a Level II grant for \$182 million from HHS to finalize the IT system and to finance the first year operations of the Exchange. Ms. Andrea Bennett asked if the OKHBE would be filing a bill during this Legislative Session. Ms. Banahan explained that the Office would be filing a bill to ratify the Executive Order that created the OKHBE last year.

Presentation of Proposed Recommendations

Dr. John Thompson, chair of the Dental Essential Benefit Deployment workgroup, presented the recommendations proposed by the workgroup, which met on January 23, 2013. The proposed recommendations are as follows:

1. Households with children (up to age 21) must purchase QHPs that include pediatric dental EHBs. Based on this requirement, the Exchange must allow;
 - a. QHPs with embedded dental;
 - b. QHPs without embedded dental ;
 - c. Standalone pediatric dental plans
2. Allow adult dental plans to be offered on the Exchange.
3. Working with DOI, develop uniform medical/dental necessity criteria for pediatric orthodontic benefits.
4. If HHS changes their position on embedded pediatric dental EHBs outside the Exchange, allow stand-alone pediatric dental EHB plans to be offered outside the Exchange to meet the EHB Standard.

The members briefly discussed the recommendations as well as a schematic algorithm developed by Dr. Thompson to demonstrate the choices of an individual/family seeking pediatric dental essential health benefits through the KHBE portal. A question was asked regarding whether or not any changes to the templates used by DOI to report and develop Kentucky's EHBs (Anthem PPO and KCHIP) would trigger a change to Kentucky's EHBs. Sharron Burton, from the DOI, clarified that a change in the plans used as template for Kentucky's EHBs would not trigger a change to KHBE's EHBs. In general, however, HHS plans to reevaluate and may revise States' EHBs in 2016.

After some discussion, the recommendations were adopted and approved to be presented at the next meetings of the Qualified Health Plan Subcommittee and the Health Benefit Exchange Advisory Board.

The subcommittee also agreed to work with DOI to formulate a definition for Handicapping Malocclusion.

Other Business

Ms. Banahan requested input from the subcommittee members on the draft Qualified Health Plan regulation.

The subcommittee members agreed that the work of the Dental and Vision subcommittee is complete for now and that the subcommittee will be on stand-by until further notice. The work of the Dental and Vision Regulations workgroups will begin in the near future.

The Chair also requested input from the subcommittee members on the Navigator Program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.